

REMARKS

In an interview between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Truc T.T. Nguyen on March 17, 2004, agreement was reached on certain amendments in claims 1, 11 and 13. It was agreed that the changes would be made by Examiner's Amendment. An Examiner's Amendment was mailed on March 29, 2004. However, the amended claims as retyped in the Examiner's Amendment contain numerous errors. In fact, there are so many errors that correcting the claims as typed in the Examiner's Amendment is not practical. The undersigned attorney called Examiner Nguyen on April 28, 2004 and explained the situation. It was agreed that applicant would submit this Rule 312 amendment to place the claims in the correct form.

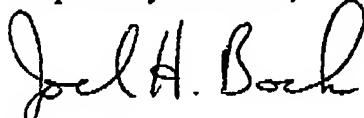
The amendments shown above in claims 1, 11 and 13 are the ones agreed to in the March 17, 2004 interview and are the same amendments that were attempted to be entered in the Examiner's Amendment. Applicant has made minor grammatical changes in the newly-added phrase at the end of the amended claims. Specifically, "spring being spaced" has been changed to – spring is spaced –. Also, "contacts to busbar" has been changed to – contacts the busbar –.

Applicant pointed out to the Examiner in the April 28, 2004 phone interview that corrected formal drawings were previously submitted. The Examiner stated that there is no need to submit an additional set of formal drawings now.

Applicant also points out that all of the matters referred to herein, including the March 17, 2004 interview, were raised by the Patent Office after the August 12, 2003 Notice of Allowance and after the payment of the Issue Fee by applicant on October 22, 2003. Accordingly, it was not possible for applicant to submit this amendment prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

Also, since the Issue Fee has already been paid, applicant presumes the application is now in condition for issuance. If that it is not the case, it is requested that the Patent Office call me to indicate what further steps need to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,



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